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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: DRAFT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT  
OF IVOR RICHARD'S AFRICAN CONSULTATIONS (S/S: 7626156)  
FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFEELE

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT STATEMENT TO BE VOLUNTEERED AT  
NOON PRESS BRIEFING TOMORROW IF YOU APPROVE.
2. "MR. IVOR RICHARD, BRITAIN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
AT THE UNITED NATIONS, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA  
CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, IS TRAVELING TO AFRICA BEGINNING  
THIS WEEK, TO CONSULT WITH THE VARIOUS PARTIES MOST  
DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLE-  
MENT IN RHODESIA. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS MR. RICHARD'S  
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MISSION, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION, DURING THE  
HOLIDAY RECESS, OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BEGUN IN  
GENEVA. AS HE HAS INDICATED PUBLICLY, MR. RICHARD WILL BE  
EXPLORING VARIOUS IDEAS THAT HAVE ARISEN FROM THE  
GENEVA TALKS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE NATURE AND  
EXTENT OF A POSSIBLE BRITISH ROLE IN THE INTERIM

GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE STAYED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH AT ALL STAGES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIA, AS ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT MUST ARISE FROM AGREEMENT AMONG

THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. MR. RICHARD WILL BE EXPLORING ALL RELEVANT VIEWS IN SEEKING THE BASIS FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT IN ORDER THAT THE CONFERENCE MAY COMPLETE ITS WORK QUICKLY WHEN IT RESUMES ON JANUARY 17.

3. "IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH MR. RICHARD, AS WE DID IN GENEVA, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM B. EDMONDSON WILL BE TRAVELING TO AFRICA TO SERVE AS A POINT OF CONTACT. HIS EXACT ITINERARY IS NOT CERTAIN, BUT IT WILL ROUGHLY PARALLEL THAT OF MR. RICHARD."

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE FOREGOING TEXT FOR USE AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

APPROVE                      DISAPPROVE

5. DRAFTED: AF:WBEDMONDSON.  
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